



U.S. Congresswoman Allyson Y. Schwartz, 13th District of Pennsylvania

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Dear Friend,

During my first term in Congress, I have greatly benefited from hearing from my constituents on key issues facing America, including homeland security, rising energy prices, the war in Iraq, health care reform, and the state of our economy.

This year Congress will be addressing these issues, as well as many other topics important to our families, neighborhoods and nation. In order to help me stay informed about the top priorities and concerns of the residents of the 13th congressional district, I hope that you will complete my online issues questionnaire.

For more information on my work in Congress on your behalf, please visit my [Web site](#). To sign up to continue receiving my email newsletter - *even during the Congressional blackout period* - [click here](#).

Please know that I greatly appreciate you taking the time to provide me feedback and insight on your views on the issues, and don't hesitate to [contact me](#) if you have any additional questions or thoughts you would like to share.

Sincerely,

Congresswoman Allyson Y. Schwartz

**What issue is most important to you?**

- ☐ Jobs and the economy
- ☐ Homeland security
- ☐ War in Iraq
- ☐ Health care
- ☐ Lobbying reform
- ☐ Rising energy prices
- ☐ Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts
- ☐ Environment
- ☐ High cost of prescription drugs
- ☐ Protecting Social Security

**What answer comes the closest to describing your views on Iraq?**

- ☐ The U.S. should keep troops in Iraq for as long as it takes.
- ☐ The U.S. should begin a gradual withdrawal of troops in 2006.
- ☐ The U.S. should begin an immediate withdrawal of all troops.

**Have your views on the war in Iraq changed over the course of the war?**

- ☐ No: I supported the war since the beginning and am still supportive of the war efforts.
- ☐ No: I have been against the war since the beginning and am still against the war.
- ☐ Yes: I supported the war in the beginning, but I now believe it was a mistake to go to Iraq.
- ☐ Yes: I was against the war in the beginning, but I now believe it was the right thing to go to Iraq.
- ☐ Unsure.

**Do you believe as a result of the U.S. military action in Iraq, the U.S. is more safe from terrorism, less safe from terrorism, or it hasn't made any difference?**

- ☐ More safe.
- ☐ Less safe.
- ☐ Hasn't made any difference.
- ☐ Unsure.

**How would you rate the federal government's efforts in improving its ability to prevent or respond to disasters, such as the September 11th attacks or Hurricane Katrina?**

- ☐ Very good.
- ☐ Good.
- ☐ Average.
- ☐ Poor.
- ☐ Very poor.

**What steps do you think the U.S. should take to reduce its dependence on foreign oil?**

- ☐ Increase automobile efficiency standards.
- ☐ Increase usage of alternative energy and fuels like biodiesel, wind, and solar.
- ☐ Increase domestic petroleum and natural gas production through additional exploration and drilling.
- ☐ Develop new technologies such as hydrogen.
- ☐ Increase use of nuclear power.

**Do you believe that energy companies are unfairly gouging consumers?**

- ☐ Yes - and the government must do more to crack down on price gouging.
- ☐ No - energy companies are making reasonable profits.
- ☐ Not sure.

**The annual U.S. deficit is expected to climb to \$400 billion this year, and our national debt is more than \$8 trillion. Which statement best reflects your view?**

- ☐ Congress should reinstate "pay-as-you-go" budget rules, which require the federal government to find a dedicated way to pay for any increases in spending or for tax law changes.
- ☐ Congress should roll back the 2001 and 2003 tax cuts for households with annual incomes of more than \$1 million or find other revenues to reduce the deficit.
- ☐ Congress should cut spending across the board to balance the budget, but not roll back any of the 2001 or 2003 tax cuts.
- ☐ The yearly federal deficit and overall national debt do not concern me.

**Have you, or any immediate family members, signed up for the new Medicare prescription drug program?**

- ☐ Yes, I have signed up for the program.
- ☐ Yes, an immediate family member has signed up for the program.
- ☐ Not yet, but I, or an immediate family member, plan on signing up.
- ☐ No.

**If you have signed up for the Medicare prescription drug program, or know someone who has, what has your experience been with the program?**

**What local issues do you believe are most pressing?**

**What national issues do you believe are most pressing?**

**Please use this space to share any other thoughts or concerns you may have.**

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